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DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE
SIGINT Committee

SIGINT 9.3/214

6 August 1982

MEMORANDUM FOR THE SIGINT COMMITTEE

SUBJECT: Technical ELINT Requirement Satisfaction ☐

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REFERENCES: a. Chairman, SIGINT Committee Memorandum,
5 August 1982 (attached)

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b. SIGINT 9.3/213, ☐ 19 July 1982

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Lt. Col. USAF
Executive Secretary

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director, National Security Agency
Director, Defense Intelligence Agency
Director, National Reconnaissance Office

SUBJECT: Technical ELINT Requirement Satisfaction

REFERENCE: Priorities for ELINT Guidance (PEG) Working Group Report to
SIGINT Overhead Reconnaissance Subcommittee (SORS),

[] dated 1 June 1982 []

1. The referenced report (copies of which have been forwarded to your office representatives) is prepared annually to describe the response to Technical ELINT requirements by overhead collectors. This year the analysis was more detailed than in previous reports in that specific comparisons were made of parametric requirement satisfaction by function, by collector, and by S&T Center. []

2. On the face of it, the results are not encouraging. However, while the report indicates a possible problem, it does not suggest a cause. Under the aegis of the SORS, the PEG Working Group establishes Technical ELINT requirements, but can only determine which of those requirements are satisfied from the product reports that are posted to the DIA Electronic Intelligence Requirements Capabilities Management System (ERCMS). They cannot ascertain whether a low satisfaction rate results from difficulties in collection, analysis or reporting; or from some combination thereof. There is also the possibility that limitations intrinsic to the methodology used in preparing the report produced results that are disproportionate to actual achievement. []

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3. In order to illuminate the subject, I propose to establish a SIGINT Committee working group to assess this situation. In the first phase of their efforts the group will review the data and methodology used in the PEG Report. In the second phase the group will survey the flow of Technical ELINT from collection through processing to production to determine why the requirement satisfaction rate is low and what might be done to improve it. Your support for this effort is solicited. I am designating [redacted] of the IC Staff as working group chairman and ask that a knowledgeable representative from your agency be named as a working group member. The first meeting of this working group is scheduled for Wednesday, 18 August 1982, 1300 hours in room 1S06, CHB. My point of contact is the SIGINT Committee Executive Secretary [redacted]. He can be reached at [redacted].

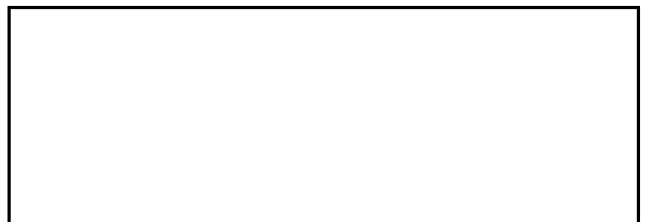
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